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A Whim Winds Up Being Worth \$1 Million to an Alamance County Woman

RALEIGH- Brandi Rogers of Graham was riding in a car when on a spur of the moment she asked her fiancée to stop and get her a lottery ticket. When he headed into the store Rogers said, "Get me two." After scratching off that second \$100 Million Cash Spectacular" instant scratch-off ticket, Rogers realized it was worth \$1 million!

"I started yelling pull over, pull over!" Rogers explained. "Then I got out of the car and started doing a little dance."

Rogers added that she buys tickets occasionally and is not sure why she decided to buy one at that moment especially since she had not wanted to get out in the rainy weather, but agreed to accompany her father and fiancée on a short road trip. She got the ticket at Tommy's Mini Mart on West Center Street in Mebane.

The Alamance County native said she would use the money for renovations on the home where her father grew up. Rogers said she has been fixing up the place to live in for about four years. She said she may also take her parents and fiancée on a trip.

Rogers is the North Carolina Education Lottery's (NCEL) sixth \$1 million winner. On Wednesday, April 2 she received her first annuity payment of \$50,000 minus taxes. She will receive payments every May for the next 19 years.

Other \$1 million prizes have been claimed by winners in Farmville, Pfafftown, Charlotte, Burlington and Holly Springs. There are four more \$1 million prizes available in the "\$100 Million Cash Spectacular" game along with tens of thousands of other prizes. As of April 7, 2008, the NCEL has paid out nearly \$75 million in prizes on the game that first went on sale Jan. 8.

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